

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
 (Case No. 97-253-A)

**PATENT**  
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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

Barendse et al.

Serial No. 09/089,871

Filed: June 4, 1998

Title: High-Activity Phytase  
Compositions

Examiner: Delia M. Ramirez

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**REPLY TO THE OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED JUNE 13, 2002**

Box DD  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231-9999

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 13, 2002, the applicant makes the following arguments in response to the Examiner's rejections of claims 18-28, 31-35, 39 and 40 of this application.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 18, 19 and 40 as follows:

18. (Five Times Amended) A phytase-containing granulate prepared by a process comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a non-fibrous solid carrier comprising at least about 15% (w/w) of an edible carbohydrate polymer;